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## AUSTRALIA AND SOUTH AFRICA REPORT LARGE PACKS OF CANNED DECIDUOUS FRUIT

Australia and the Republic of South Africa report large 1967 packs of canned deciduous fruit. The Australian pack totaled a record 10,295,000 cases, basis  $24/2\frac{1}{2}$ 's, and the South African pack of 7,451,000 cases was the second largest on record. Production levels have risen appreciably in both countries during recent years. As recently as 1957-61 the Australian pack averaged only 4,980,000 cases and the South African pack 3,820,000. Peaches are the most important item in each pack, representing 49 percent of the Australian and 66 percent of the South African. Record canned peach packs of 5,038,000 cases and 4,918,000 cases, respectively, were reported.

Australia anticipates larger exports during 1967, while South Africa's are expected to be substantial but below those of 1966. Total exports by the two countries should reach 12,910,000 cases during 1967.

Australian and South African canned deciduous fruit production

Kind of fruit	Average									
	1952-56	1957-61	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases
Apricots										
Australia	884	610	334	918	846	443	798	663	1,054	
South Africa	629	742	864	629	828	680	1,080	988	723	
Total	1,513	1,352	1,198	1,547	1,674	1,123	1,878	1,651	1,777	
Peaches										
Australia	2,042	1,840	1,675	3,259	3,339	3,333	4,330	4,565	5,038	
South Africa	1,020	2,084	2,671	2,699	3,533	3,439	4,283	4,646	4,918	
Total	3,062	3,924	4,346	5,958	6,872	6,772	8,613	9,211	9,956	
Pears										
Australia	1,582	2,291	2,621	3,006	2,653	3,207	2,455	3,384	2,797	
South Africa	285	550	769	645	914	1,318	1,126	1,486	1,131	
Total	1,867	2,841	3,390	3,651	3,567	4,525	3,581	4,870	3,928	
Mixed fruits										
Australia	151	239	190	441	442	616	894	1,220	1,406	
South Africa	3/ 64	379	200	319	297	343	531	685	679	
Total	215	618	390	760	739	959	1,425	1,905	2,085	

1/ Estimate. 2/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans. 3/ Four-year average, 1953-56; not separately classified prior to 1953.

Australian and South African canned deciduous fruit exports

Kind of fruit	Average		Calendar year									
	1952-56	1957-61	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/	1,000 cases 2/
Apricots												
Australia .....	578	267	76	318	201	197	215	304	450			
South Africa 3/.....	664	677	807	509	942	592	1,057	921	660			
Total .....	1,242	944	883	827	1,143	789	1,272	1,225	1,110			
Peaches												
Australia .....	1,213	938	793	1,564	1,703	1,983	2,760	2,859	3,500			
South Africa 3/.....	801	1,900	2,393	2,021	3,532	3,277	3,831	3,938	4,200			
Total .....	2,014	2,838	3,186	3,585	5,235	5,260	6,591	6,797	7,700			
Pears												
Australia .....	1,171	1,774	1,871	2,242	2,122	2,236	2,022	2,657	2,300			
South Africa 3/.....	176	467	708	512	811	1,055	1,059	1,189	800			
Total .....	1,347	2,241	2,579	2,754	2,933	3,291	3,081	3,846	3,100			
Mixed fruits												
Australia .....	67	107	121	158	201	353	573	808	1,000			
South Africa 3/.....	4/	4/	231	215	203	294	440	560	450			
Total .....	--	--	352	373	404	647	1,013	1,368	1,450			

1/ Estimate with South Africa on a November year. 2/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans. 3/ Year beginning November 1. 4/ Not available.

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Australia canned its third consecutive record deciduous fruit pack in 1967. The pack totaled 10,295,000 cases, basis 24/2½'s, 5 percent above last year's and 44 percent above the 1961-65 average. Record packs were reported for apricots, peaches, and the mixed-fruit category. Only canned pears registered a decline from 1966.

## Australian canned fruit production and exports, average 1961-65, annual 1963-67

Canned Fruit	: Average : : 1961-65 :	1963 : :	1964 : :	1965 : :	1966 : :	:Estimate : 1967
	: 1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	: <u>cases</u> 1/	<u>cases</u> 1/	<u>cases</u> 1/	<u>cases</u> 1/	<u>cases</u> 1/	<u>cases</u> 1/
Production:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Apricots .....	: 658	846	443	750	663	1,054
Mixed fruit ....	: 517	442	616	894	1,220	1,406
Peaches .....	: 3,185	3,339	3,333	4,319	4,565	5,038
Pears .....	: 2,788	2,653	3,207	2,455	3,384	2,797
Total deciduous	: 7,148	7,280	7,599	8,418	9,832	10,295
Exports:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Apricots .....	: 201	201	197	215	304	450
Mixed fruit ....	: 281	201	353	573	808	1,000
Peaches .....	: 1,761	1,703	1,983	2,760	2,859	3,500
Pears .....	: 2,099	2,122	2,236	2,022	2,657	2,300
Total deciduous	: 4,342	4,227	4,769	5,570	6,628	7,250

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

The deciduous fruit pack was predominantly of export quality during both the 1966 and 1967 seasons. Detailed statistics for 1966 indicate that retail sizes continue to make up most of the pack. However, the institutional portion (No. 10 size) is slowly expanding.



Australian canned fruit pack by quality,  
grade, and can size, 1966

Grade	Apricots	Peaches	Pears	Mixed Fruits <sup>1/</sup>	Total
	Equiv. 1,000 cases <u>24/2½</u>	Equiv. 1,000 cases <u>24/2½</u>	Equiv. 1,000 cases <u>24/2½</u>	Equiv. 1,000 cases <u>24/2½</u>	Equiv. 1,000 cases <u>24/2½</u>
Fancy (export)					
No. 2½ .....	29	312	205	65	611
No. 1 .....	24	140	129	55	348
8 oz. ....	5	---	---	---	5
No. 10 .....	15	24	22	19	80
Total .....	73	476	356	139	1,044
Choice (export)					
No. 2½ .....	141	1,849	1,339	406	3,735
No. 1 .....	85	730	897	288	2,000
8 oz. ....	5	12	13	9	39
No. 10 .....	22	102	162	68	354
Total .....	253	2,693	2,411	771	6,128
Standard (export)					
No. 2½ .....	62	481	209	43	795
No. 1 .....	18	84	134	26	262
No. 10 .....	10	20	13	7	50
Total .....	90	585	356	76	1,107
Domestic Pack					
No. 2½ .....	140	598	150	138	1,026
No. 1 .....	75	142	78	89	384
8 oz. ....	6	14	2	---	22
No. 10 .....	26	57	31	7	121
Total .....	247	811	261	234	1,553
Grand total.	663	4,565	3,384	1,220	9,832

<sup>1/</sup> Includes all mixed fruits other than tropical fruit salad.

Source: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian packout, annual 1961-65

Grade	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Fancy .....	6.0	6.9	4.3	7.2	8.0	10.6
Choice .....	59.1	56.9	56.6	61.7	56.5	62.3
Standard ...	7.2	7.0	10.9	11.6	11.8	11.3
Domestic ...	27.7	29.2	28.2	19.5	23.7	15.8

Source: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Exports are estimated at 7,250,000 cases during 1967, 9 percent above last year's and 67 percent above the 1961-65 average.

The United Kingdom remains the largest overseas customer for all Australian canned fruits. However, its purchases in the first 6 months of 1967 were substantially smaller than in the same period of earlier years.

Large subsidized sales to Western Europe are the prominent feature of the 1967 season. These exports, subsidized by the Canned Fruit Excise Levy imposed on canned fruit sold in the domestic market, have reached a new high this season. Sales to Western Europe during the first half of 1967 are reported double the level reached in the comparable period of 1966.

Australian canned peach supply and distribution, 1964-67

Item	1964	1965	1966	Estimate 1967
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 ..	303	471	814	1,296
Production .....	3,333	4,319	4,565	5,038
Total .....	3,636	4,790	5,379	6,334
Distribution:				
Exports .....	1,983	2,760	2,859	3,500
Domestic consumption .....	1,182	1,216	1,224	1,500
Ending stocks, December 31 ...	471	814	1,296	1,334
Total .....	3,636	4,790	5,379	6,334

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.



Australian canned fruit exports by country of destination,  
average 1961-65 and annual 1961-66

Canned fruit type and destination	Average : 1961-65 :	1961 :	1962 :	1963 :	1964 :	1965 :	1966 :
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
<u>Apricots</u>							
Canada .....	29	1	27	25	49	43	61
United Kingdom .....	150	67	275	156	126	126	192
Other .....	22	8	16	20	22	46	51
Total .....	201	76	318	201	197	215	304
<u>Peaches</u>							
Canada .....	104	7	16	70	195	234	332
United Kingdom .....	1,411	759	1,505	1,537	1,639	1,613	1,516
Other .....	246	27	43	96	149	2/ 913	3/ 1,011
Total .....	1,761	793	1,564	1,703	1,983	2,760	2,859
<u>Pears</u>							
Canada .....	80	15	28	55	135	168	196
United Kingdom .....	1,916	1,828	2,149	1,999	1,989	1,616	2,135
Other .....	102	28	65	68	112	238	326
Total .....	2,098	1,871	2,242	2,122	2,236	2,022	2,657
<u>Mixed fruit 4/</u>							
Canada .....	14	---	3	6	18	45	111
United Kingdom .....	220	116	140	170	289	386	488
Other .....	47	5	15	25	46	142	209
Total .....	281	121	158	201	353	573	808
Total canned deciduous fruit .....	4,341	2,861	4,282	4,227	4,769	5,570	6,628

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans. 2/ Includes 556,000 cases to West Germany and 70,000 to Netherlands.  
3/ Includes 481,000 cases to West Germany, and 92,000 to Netherlands. 4/ Composite fruit packs of canned  
fruit cocktail, canned fruit salad (other than tropical fruit salad) and canned two-fruit.

Source: Australian Canned Fruits Board and Attache reports.

Australian canned peach production is estimated at a record 5,038,000 cases, 10 percent above the 1966 pack of 4,565,000 cases and 58 percent above average. The pack is almost entirely Clingstone varieties and is heavily oriented to retail sizes and sliced style.

Exports are estimated at 3,500,000 cases during 1967, 22 percent above last season's. Current data shows substantial increases in shipments to West Germany and Canada.

Light crops of canning pear varieties were reported in most areas during 1967. Canned pear production is estimated at 2,797,000 cases, 17 percent below the record 1966 pack of 3,384,000 cases.

Exports of canned pears are estimated at 2,300,000 cases, 13 percent below the 1966 level but still substantial. During the first 6 months of 1967, the United Kingdom continued to take 80 percent of Australia's exported pears.

Australian canned pear supply and distribution, 1964-67

Item	1964	1965	1966	Estimate 1967
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 ..	253	634	366	433
Production .....	3,207	2,455	3,384	2,797
Total .....	3,460	3,089	3,750	3,230
Distribution:				
Exports .....	2,236	1,993	2,657	2,300
Domestic consumption .....	590	730	660	600
Ending stocks, December 31 ...	634	366	433	330
Total .....	3,460	3,089	3,750	3,230

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Canned apricot production is estimated at a record 1,054,000 cases, 59 percent above 1966 and 60 percent above average.

Exports of canned apricots are estimated at 450,000 cases, 48 percent above 1966 and more than double the 1961-65 average.

The sixth consecutive record pack of mixed fruit was canned in 1967. The pack totaled 1,406,000 cases, 15 percent above 1966 and nearly 3 times the 1961-65 average.

Australian canned apricot supply and distribution, 1964-67

Item	1964	1965	1966	Estimate 1967
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 ..	200	162	205	54
Production .....	443	750	663	1,054
Total .....	643	912	868	1,108
Distribution:				
Exports .....	197	210	304	450
Domestic consumption .....	284	497	510	500
Ending stocks, December 31 ...	162	205	54	158
Total .....	643	912	868	1,108

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

The mixed-fruit pack is comprised of fruit cocktail (698,000 cases), two-fruits (575,000 cases), and fruit salad (133,000 cases). The pack of fruit cocktail and fruit salad are at record levels; that of two-fruits is below 1966.

Exports of mixed fruits are expected to total a record 1,000,000 cases, 24 per-cent above 1966 and 3½ times the 1961-65 average. During the first 6 months of 1967, the United Kingdom continued to take approximately two-thirds of the total.

Australian mixed fruit pack composition, 1958-67

Year	Fruit cocktail	Fruit salad	Two-fruits	Total
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
1958 .....	96	34	179	309
1959 .....	61	13	104	178
1960 .....	47	36	118	201
1961 .....	77	18	95	190
1962 .....	150	39	252	441
1963 .....	117	55	270	442
1964 .....	197	56	363	616
1965 .....	334	82	478	894
1966 .....	516	104	600	1,220
1967 estimate ...	698	133	575	1,406

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.



Australian canned mixed fruit<sup>1/</sup> supply and distribution, 1964-67

Item	: 1964	: 1965	: 1966	: Estimate
	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1,000	: 1967
	: <u>cases 2/</u>	: <u>cases 2/</u>	: <u>cases 2/</u>	: <u>cases 2/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, January 1 ..	140	129	188	369
Production .....	616	894	1,220	1,406
Total .....	756	1,023	1,408	1,775
Distribution:				
Exports .....	353	573	808	1,000
Domestic consumption .....	274	262	231	350
Ending stocks, December 31 ...	129	188	369	425
Total .....	756	1,023	1,408	1,775

<sup>1/</sup> Canned composite packs, including fruit salad, fruit cocktail, and diced two-fruit mixtures. <sup>2/</sup> Cases of equivalent 2<sup>4</sup> No. 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cans.

Bearing acreage of peaches continues its upward trend. However, the declining level of nonbearing acreage is beginning to slow gains in bearing acreage. Available information indicates that the number of bearing acres should level off by 1970.

Bearing acreage of pears is also increasing. Nonbearing acreage declined during the 1965-66 season but still accounted for 2<sup>4</sup> percent of the total pear acreage.

The level of apricot bearing acreage remained steady during the 1965-66 season. Nonbearing acreage increased slightly but has remained relatively stable since the 1961-62 season. Bearing acreage is not expected to increase appreciably in the next few years.

Victoria State may well be called the center of the Australian canned fruit industry. Long the leader in canned peach and pear acreage and production, it also became the leading producer of canned apricots during 1966. Victoria contains 48 percent of the peach acreage, 65 percent of the pear acreage, and 29 percent of the apricot acreage. South Australia and New South Wales are the only other significant producers of canned deciduous fruit in Australia.

Australian minimum grower prices were increased for apricots and Bartlett pears during 1967. Minimum prices for peaches and Packham's Triumph pears were held constant.

Australian 1966 minimum opening prices (c.i.f. U.K. port) were decreased for fruit cocktail and fancy-grade peaches. Apricot prices were increased 7 U.S. cents per dozen. Prices of other fruits were unchanged.

Australian acreage of selected fruit, 1960-61 through 1965-66

Year	Apricots			Peaches			Pears		
	Bearing	Nonbearing	Total	Bearing	Nonbearing	Total	Bearing	Nonbearing	Total
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres
1960-61 ..	9.2	2.7	11.9	15.1	11.8	26.9	17.8	6.1	23.9
1961-62 ..	9.4	2.1	11.5	19.7	9.9	29.6	18.5	6.8	25.3
1962-63 ..	9.9	1.9	11.8	22.2	8.0	30.2	20.0	6.0	26.0
1963-64 ..	10.0	1.9	11.9	22.9	7.5	30.4	20.3	5.7	26.0
1964-65 ..	9.4	1.9	11.3	24.8	5.6	30.4	19.5	6.6	26.1
1965-66 ..	9.4	2.0	11.4	24.9	5.1	30.0	19.8	6.1	25.9

Source: The Fruit Growing Industry, Australia, No. 22, Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra, 1965-66.



Australian acreage by state of selected fruit in 1965-66

Kind of fruit	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Total
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres
<u>Bearing area</u>							
Apples .....	13.3	16.7	9.2	4.7	11.8	15.4	71.1
Apricots .....	1.7	3.0	.4	3.7	.2	.4	9.4
Cherries .....	1.9	1.2	<u>1</u>	.4	<u>1</u>	.1	3.6
Nectarines .....	.3	.2	.1	.2	.1	<u>1</u>	.9
Peaches:							
Canning .....	3.8	10.0				<u>1</u>	
Other .....	2.9	2.1	1.5	3.9	.7	<u>1</u>	2/24.9
Pears:							
Canning .....	.9	7.3		1.6	.8	.2	
Other .....	1.7	5.5	.6			1.2	2/19.8
Plums .....	1.4	1.2	1.2	.3	.8	.1	5.0
Prunes .....	2.7	.2	--	.5	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	3.4
Pineapple .....	.1	--	8.5	--	--	--	8.6
<u>Total area</u>							
Apples .....	19.1	22.3	13.2	5.9	16.0	18.4	94.9
Apricots .....	2.0	3.3	.5	4.8	.3	.5	11.4
Cherries .....	3.0	2.0	<u>1</u>	.6	<u>1</u>	.1	5.7
Nectarines .....	.4	.4	.1	.2	.1	<u>1</u>	1.2
Peaches:							
Canning .....	4.4	11.6				<u>1</u>	
Other .....	3.5	2.9	1.8	4.8	1.0	<u>1</u>	30.0
Pears:							
Canning .....	1.1	10.4				.3	
Other .....	2.0	6.4	1.2	2.0	1.1	1.4	25.9
Plums .....	1.8	1.6	1.4	.3	1.1	.1	6.3
Prunes .....	3.2	.2	--	.7	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	4.1
Pineapple .....	.2	--	12.7	--	--	--	12.9
<u>1/ Less than 100 acres. 2/ Total canning and other.</u>							

Source: The Fruit Growing Industry, Australia, No. 22, Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Canberra, 1965-66.

Australian canned deciduous fruit production by state,  
average 1961-65 and annual 1961-66

Kind of fruit	Queensland	New South Wales	Victoria	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Total
	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/	1,000 cases 1/
<b>Canned apricots</b>							
Average:							
1961-65 ....	27	110	298	216	2	4	657
Annual:							
1961 .....	27	64	96	140	4	3	334
1962 .....	42	124	504	239	2	7	918
1963 .....	34	144	444	217	3	4	846
1964 .....	7	49	250	133	1	3	443
1965 .....	26	171	197	352	1	3	750
1966 .....	18	99	415	130	1	---	663
<b>Canned peaches</b>							
Average:							
1961-65 ....	36	759	1,699	681	9	---	3,184
Annual:							
1961 .....	28	342	858	444	3	---	1,675
1962 .....	36	802	1,756	659	6	---	3,259
1963 .....	56	790	1,881	602	10	---	3,339
1964 .....	29	859	1,686	747	12	---	3,333
1965 .....	33	1,004	2,315	951	16	---	4,319
1966 .....	34	984	2,433	1,093	21	---	4,565
<b>Canned pears</b>							
Average:							
1961-65 ....	13	131	2,481	107	1	55	2,788
Annual:							
1961 .....	4	130	2,358	76	1	52	2,621
1962 .....	13	102	2,689	131	3	68	3,006
1963 .....	21	154	2,375	49	---	54	2,653
1964 .....	22	164	2,854	117	---	50	3,207
1965 .....	6	106	2,127	162	1	53	2,455
1966 .....	17	165	3,053	81	---	68	3,384
<b>Canned mixed fruit</b>							
Average:							
1961-65 ....	34	35	344	104	---	---	517
Annual:							
1961 .....	10	8	127	45	---	---	190
1962 .....	64	41	268	68	---	---	441
1963 .....	29	42	294	77	---	---	442
1964 .....	30	45	361	180	---	---	616
1965 .....	39	38	668	149	---	---	894
1966 .....	49	61	919	191	---	---	1,220
<b>Total deciduous fruit</b>							
Average:							
1961-65 ....	110	1,035	4,822	1,108	12	59	7,146
Annual:							
1961 .....	69	544	3,439	705	8	55	4,820
1962 .....	155	1,069	5,217	1,097	11	75	7,624
1963 .....	140	1,130	4,994	945	13	58	7,280
1964 .....	88	1,117	5,151	1,177	13	53	7,599
1965 .....	104	1,319	5,307	1,614	18	56	8,418
1966 .....	118	1,309	6,820	1,495	22	68	9,832

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans.

Source: Thirty-Ninth Report of the Australian Canned Fruits Board, Melbourne, April 1967.

Australian canned fruit minimum opening export prices  
to the United Kingdom (c.i.f. U.K. port), 1962-67

Fruit and pack style	Price per dozen 2½'s		
	Fancy	Choice	Standard
	U.S. dollars	U.S. dollars	U.S. dollars
Apricots:			
Halves			
1962 .....	3.50	3.29	3.15
1963 .....	3.29	3.08	2.94
1964 .....	3.43	3.22	3.08
1965 .....	3.43	3.22	3.08
1966 .....	3.50	3.29	3.15
1967 .....	3.57	3.36	3.22
Peaches:			
Clingstones			
Halves and slices			
1962 .....	3.36	3.15	3.01
1963 .....	3.22	3.01	2.87
1964 .....	3.43	3.22	3.08
1965 .....	3.43	3.22	3.08
1966 .....	3.46	3.26	3.12
1967 .....	3.40	3.26	3.12
Freestones			
Halves and slices			
1962 .....	3.12	2.90	2.76
1963 .....	3.01	2.80	2.66
1964 .....	3.08	2.87	2.73
1965 .....	3.08	2.87	2.73
1966 .....	3.12	2.90	2.76
1967 .....	--	--	--
Pears (Bartletts):			
Halves and quarters			
1962 .....	3.57	3.36	3.22
1963 .....	3.50	3.29	3.15
1964 .....	3.57	3.36	3.22
1965 .....	3.57	3.36	3.22
1966 .....	3.64	3.43	3.29
1967 .....	3.64	3.43	3.29
Fruit cocktail:			
1962 .....	3.92	3.71	3.57
1963 .....	3.78	3.57	3.43
1964 .....	4.06	3.85	3.71
1965 .....	3.92	3.71	3.57
1966 .....	4.16	3.96	3.82
1967 .....	4.13	3.92	3.78
Two-fruit:			
1962 .....	3.36	3.15	3.01
1963 .....	3.22	3.01	2.87
1964 .....	3.43	3.22	3.08
1965 .....	3.43	3.22	3.08
1966 .....	3.46	3.26	3.12
1967 .....	3.40	3.26	3.12
Fruit salad:			
1965 .....	--	--	--
1966 .....	4.69	4.48	4.34
1967 .....	4.69	4.48	4.34

Source: Australian Canned Fruits Board.

Australian canned fruit minimum grower prices  
per short ton 1/ for first-quality fruit,  
average 1961-65 and 1962-67 seasons

Fruit	:Average: :1961-65:	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
	: U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.
	: dol.	dol.	dol.	dol.	dol.	dol.	dol.
Apricots .....	: 86	86	86	86	96	100	106
Peaches:	:						
Cling, clear center .....	: 88	88	88	82	94	97	97
Cling, other .....	: 84	84	84	78	90	93	93
Freestone .....	: 61	60	60	56	68	68	68
Pears:	:						
Bartlett .....	: 86	84	84	84	92	95	97
Packham's Triumph .....	: 68	68	68	64	72	72	92

1/ Delivered to either the grower's railroad siding or to the cannery door.

Source: Australian Fruit Industry Sugar Concession Committee.

SOUTH AFRICA

The 1967 South African canned deciduous fruit pack has been estimated at 7,451,000 cases, equivalent  $24/2\frac{1}{2}$  basis, 4 percent below the record pack of 7,805,000 in 1966. The peach pack continued its strong upward trend, while production of apricots, pears, and fruit salad declined. Exports of apricots, peaches, and pears are expected to total 5,660,000 cases, 9 percent less than in 1966. Exports of apricots and pears are below and peach exports higher than last year's levels. The United Kingdom is the leading export market for all three fruits.

South African canned fruit production and exports,  
average 1961-65, annual 1963-67

Canned fruit	: Average : : 1961-65 :	1963	1964	1965	1966	:Estimate : 1967
	: 1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	: cases <u>1/</u>	cases <u>1/</u>	cases <u>1/</u>	cases <u>1/</u>	cases <u>1/</u>	cases <u>1/</u>
Production:	:					
Apricots .....	: 816	828	680	1,080	988	723
Peaches .....	: 3,325	3,533	3,439	4,283	4,646	4,918
Pears .....	: 954	914	1,318	1,126	1,486	1,131
Fruit salad .....	: 338	297	343	531	685	679
Exports:	:					
Apricots .....	: 753	822	608	1,031	987	660
Peaches .....	: 2,817	3,182	3,192	3,570	4,064	4,200
Pears .....	: 764	752	961	1,046	1,174	800

1/ Cases of equivalent  $24$  No.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cans.



The third consecutive record pack of canned peaches is reported for 1967. Canned peach production totaled 4,918,000 cases, 6 percent above the 1966 pack of 4,646,000 and 48 percent above average. The pack, almost entirely Clingstones, has more than doubled in the last 10 years. Exports of peaches are estimated at a record 4,200,000 cases, slightly more than the 4,064,000 cases exported in 1966.

South African canned peach supply and distribution, 1964-67

Item	1964	1965	1966	Estimate 1967
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1 .	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Production .....	3,439	4,283	4,646	4,918
Total .....	3,439	4,283	4,646	4,918
Distribution:				
Exports (Total) .....	3,192	3,570	4,064	4,200
To United Kingdom .....	2,826	3,248	3,322	<u>2/</u>
To others .....	366	322	742	<u>2/</u>
Domestic disappearance .....	247	713	582	718
Ending stocks, October 31 ....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Total .....	3,439	4,283	4,646	4,918

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans. 2/ Not available.

The 1967 pear pack is estimated at 1,131,000 cases, 24 percent below the 1966 pack of 1,486,000 but 19 percent above average. Exports are estimated to total 800,000 cases, the lowest level since 1963.

South African canned pear supply and distribution, 1964-67

Item	1964	1965	1966	Estimate 1967
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1 .	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Production .....	1,318	1,126	1,486	1,131
Total .....	1,318	1,126	1,486	1,131
Distribution:				
Exports (Total) .....	961	1,046	1,174	800
To United Kingdom .....	922	974	1,084	<u>2/</u>
To others .....	39	72	90	<u>2/</u>
Domestic disappearance .....	357	80	312	331
Ending stocks, October 31 ....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Total .....	1,318	1,126	1,486	1,131

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans. 2/ Not available.



Canned apricot production is estimated at 723,000 cases, 27 percent below the pack of 988,000 last season and 11 percent below average. Exports are estimated at 660,000 cases, 33 percent below last year and 12 percent below average.

South African canned apricot supply and distribution, 1964-67

Item	1964	1965	1966	Estimate 1967
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1 .	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Production .....	680	1,080	988	723
Total .....	680	1,080	988	723
Distribution:				
Exports (Total) .....	608	1,031	987	660
To United Kingdom .....	481	564	542	<u>2/</u>
To others .....	127	467	445	<u>2/</u>
Domestic disappearance .....	72	49	1	63
Ending stocks, October 31 ....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Total .....	680	1,080	988	723

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans. 2/ Not available.

The 1967 fruit salad pack of 679,000 cases is second only to the 1966 pack of 685,000. Exports of fruit salad are estimated to total 570,000 cases, approximately the same as last season's 567,000.

South African canned fruit salad supply and distribution, 1964-67

Item	1964	1965	1966	Estimate 1967
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>	<u>cases 1/</u>
Supply:				
Beginning stocks, November 1 .	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Production .....	343	531	685	679
Total .....	343	531	685	679
Distribution:				
Exports (Total) .....	294	440	567	570
To United Kingdom .....	255	379	503	<u>2/</u>
To others .....	39	61	64	<u>2/</u>
Domestic disappearance .....	49	91	118	109
Ending stocks, October 31 ....	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
Total .....	343	531	685	679

1/ Cases of equivalent 24 No. 2½ cans. 2/ Not available.

Note: Fruit salad includes fruit cocktail but is not reported separately.

Purchases of fresh deciduous fruit by members of the South African Canners Association declined in 1967, reflecting the lower canned fruit pack. Purchases totaled 167,500 tons this season, 16,537 below the 1966 total of 184,037 tons.

South African fresh deciduous fruit purchases by members  
of the South African Canners Association, 1964-67 1/

Kind	1964	1965	1966	Estimate 1967
	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons
Apples .....	6,303	4,782	10,527	10,000
Pears .....	34,011	31,004	40,431	35,000
Apricots .....	18,584	26,085	22,806	17,000
Peaches .....	77,141	96,518	104,679	100,000
Plums .....	1,219	798	508	500
Grapes .....	846	1,487	1,718	1,500
Other .....	3,379	3,716	3,368	3,500
Total .....	141,483	164,390	184,037	167,500

1/ Years beginning November 1.

South African growers of fruit for canning enjoyed higher average returns for their fruit in 1966. Clingstone peaches averaged U.S. \$83.33 per short ton, the highest level since 1962. The apricot price of \$74.99 per ton and the pear price of \$77.77 per ton were the highest since the 1963 and 1960 seasons, respectively.

South African average grower prices  
for fresh deciduous fruits for processing,  
average 1961-65 and 1962-66 seasons

Kind	Average 1961-65	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
	Dol. per Short ton	Dol. per Short ton	Dol. per Short ton	Dol. per Short ton	Dol. per Short ton	Dol. per Short ton
Apricots .....	71.22	77.37	88.97	66.76	58.33	74.99
Peaches:						
Freestone ..	39.49	47.35	41.08	34.25	34.85	<u>1/</u>
Clingstone .	76.07	89.29	69.44	64.26	76.38	83.33
Pears:						
Bon Chretien :	73.79	75.18	76.12	72.66	70.83	77.77
Others .....	51.65	56.71	52.14	41.80	47.39	<u>1/</u>

1/ No quotation available.

Minimum opening prices were 4 cents per dozen lower for clingstone peaches and fruit cocktail in 1967. Pears and fruit salad opened at the same level as in 1966, and apricots opened 7 cents per dozen higher.

South African canned fruit minimum opening selling  
prices c.i.f. (U.K. ports) 1966-67

Fruit and pack style	Fancy	Choice	Standard
	Dol. per dz. 2½'s	Dol. per dz. 2½'s	Dol. per dz. 2½'s
Apricots:			
1966 .....	3.15	2.94	2.80
1967 .....	3.22	3.01	2.87
Peaches:			
Clingstone halves and slices			
1966 .....	3.26	3.12	2.98
1967 .....	3.22	3.08	2.94
Freestone halves and slices			
1966 .....	--	2.76	2.62
1967 .....	--	2.76	2.62
Pears:			
Bon Chretien halves			
1966 .....	3.43	3.29	3.15
1967 .....	3.43	3.29	3.15
Bon Chretien quarters and slices			
1966 .....	3.40	3.26	3.12
1967 .....	3.40	3.26	3.12
Fruit salad:			
1966 .....	4.41	4.27	4.13
1967 .....	4.41	4.27	4.13
Fruit cocktail:			
1966 .....	4.02	3.82	3.68
1967 .....	3.99	3.78	3.64
Two-fruit:			
1966 .....	--	3.12	2.98
1967 .....	--	3.08	2.94

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